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Soybean germplasm resources include new varieties/breeding lines, genetic stocks, ancient landraces, and wild species of the *Glycine* genus, and their genetic variation is the material basis for trait improvement and variety development. In the past decades, great advances in germplasm research at both population and individual levels have been achieved along with the availability of the soybean genome sequence and other new techniques, and more inputs are necessary to enhance the basic and applied research on soybean genetic resources. This Special Issue of *Plants* will cover various aspects of soybean germplasm studies: (1) collection, preservation, and utilization of soybean germplasm; (2) evaluation and broadening of genetic diversity; (3) characterization of elite germplasm with ideal target traits; (4) gene identification and allele mining for molecular breeding; and (5) new techniques and their utilization in germplasm enhancement and variety development.



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